

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1508

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mayor Michael Leon Miller for his many years of public service on the occasion of his last term as Rockwood City Mayor.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and dedication throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Leon Miller is one such estimable person who served for two years as a Rockwood City Council member and two years as a library board member, beginning in July 1991; having served four previous terms as mayor, from 1993 to 1997, 2001 to 2005, 2005 to 2009, and 2014 to 2018, he is presently serving his fifth and final term, which began on December 1, 2018, and will end on November 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished tenure with the City of Rockwood, Mayor Mike Miller has served five terms on the city's planning commission; he has effectively overseen the operations of the city, guided the council and city employees to make sound financial decisions, and improved the quality of life for city residents for many years; and

WHEREAS, a few of the many notable improvements inspired by Mayor Miller include the construction of a sports complex comprising five ball fields, one soccer field, and Rockwood Forest Trails; many downtown improvements, including storm drainage to prevent flooding, paving projects, and decorative lighting; and the demolition of countless abandoned and dilapidated houses and buildings. His more than seventeen years of diligence and persistence working with the Tennessee Valley Authority have brought success to the development of a marina and recreational vehicle campground on the city's lakefront, which will bring economic growth to the area for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Miller's superior record of service includes not only twenty-two years as a council member and mayor but more than thirty-eight years of selfless dedication to the Roane County Board of Education, which he served as both an elected member and chairman for several separate terms; he continues to serve the board today; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his nearly forty years of assiduous public service, Mayor Miller has also been dutifully devoted to his employment at Rockwood Electric Utility since July 1984; and

WHEREAS, it is no secret that Mayor Miller has proven himself a strong advocate for Roane County's children, the beloved citizens of the City of Rockwood, and the citizens of this State for the majority of his adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Miller has carried out his responsibilities as an employee and a public servant with diligence, integrity, and tireless dedication, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mayor Michael Leon Miller for his astute service to the people of Rockwood, Roane County, and the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for success in his final term as mayor and in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.